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CHARLES PETERSON NAMED DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OFFICE

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service announced today the selection of Charles Peterson as director of Government Entities in the Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division (TE/GE).

“Chuck Peterson brings enormous experience in both program outreach and compliance,” said Evelyn Petschek, Commissioner of TE/GE. “His skills will help Government Entities continue to develop programs for previously under-served customers.”

As Director, Peterson will oversee the operations of three work units designed to meet the special needs of the division’s customers. These include:

- Tax Exempt Bonds - responsible for education, outreach and compliance programs for bond issuers and conduit borrowers. This customer group represents over \$1.4 trillion in outstanding tax-exempt bonds.
- Indian Tribal Governments - responsible for developing programs for the more than 550 federally recognized Indian tribal governments. These tribes have unique government-to-government relationships with the federal government.
- Federal, State and Local Governments - responsible for developing outreach and compliance programs for more than 86,000 municipal government agencies and offices.

Peterson comes to TE/GE with a 30-year background in IRS programs and operations. He served in all levels of management in both the former Collection and Taxpayer Service offices. He served as a District Director in field operations as well as Assistant Commissioner of Collection in IRS headquarters in Washington, DC. His most recent assignment was as lead instructor for the Executive Development program.

Peterson succeeds Ed Weiler, who recently retired.

The TE/GE Division, created in December 1999, is one of four customer-focused entities that replaced the previous geographic-based structure at the IRS. TE/GE serves the needs of a unique customer base that also includes tax-exempt organizations and retirement plans, both public and private.

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